



## Central Coast Forest Association

### INTRODUCING TWO NEW DIRECTORS

#### Pat Driscoll



Pat Driscoll

Pat, a California native, moved to the Santa Cruz area in 1962 with her family. Deeply involved in the community, she has served on the boards of Hospice, Rio Del Mar Improvement Association, Children's Home Society, Boys and Girls Club, Driscoll Development Corporation, and Driscoll Properties. She became involved with timber production when the county zoned their 200 acre parcel TPZ back in the 1980's. Retired from Real Estate and grateful to

the CCFA for their help in understanding the ever increasing county timber rules and regulations, she joined the board this year and hopes to help carry on their goals. She temporarily replaces retired director Joe Burch and her position will be voted on by the membership at the CCFA Annual Meeting and BBQ.

#### Lisa Rudnick

Lisa was raised in Ohio, and came to California in 1980. She became involved in local land use issues in 1993 and has served in the past as a volunteer for such organizations as the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District, San Lorenzo Valley Watershed Caretakers, Santa Cruz County Firesafe Council, San Lorenzo Valley Property Owners' Association, Citizens for Planning Reform, Freedom 21 Santa Cruz, Citizens Against Redevelopment and the Central Coast Forest Association.

Lisa lives in Ben Lomond with her husband, Ed, and son Kyle, along with their dog, Ziggy and Turbo, the cat.

She enjoys singing and gardening.

She is especially important to CCFA, as she is a determined attendee of numerous county meetings where she keeps her finger on the pulse of county planning issues, particularly as they are related to land use.



Lisa Rudnick

### INTRODUCING JANET WEBB Forester, RPF # 2347

Janet Webb did not go through the throes of indecision when choosing a college major; she had that all decided when she was five years old.

Janet tagged along with her dad, Frank "Lud" McCrary, a lot as a child and she announced, "When I grow up, I'm going to college, study forestry, and come home to work at the mill." The "mill" is Big Creek Lumber Company, a family-owned and operated business founded in 1946 by her dad, his brother, their father and their uncle. Janet never wavered from her decision.

She grew up on her parents' ranch on central coast California. She rode horses, went backpacking in the Sierras with her family, was a 4-H member raising steers and chickens, studied violin and viola and played in her junior high, high school and Humboldt County orchestras.

Janet had her first lessons in hands-on forestry during high school, when she was one of the few students allowed to take structured classes in the mornings and pursue a project of her choice in the afternoons. Janet headed for Big Creek Lumber to assist the then log scaler, Mike Jani, during busy periods on the log deck and to help with odd jobs for the forestry department. She continued to work summers throughout the remainder of high school and college, scaling on the log deck, marking timber out in the woods or helping wherever the forestry department needed an extra hand.

When Janet graduated from Humboldt State with a degree in forestry, she came home and went directly to work for the forestry department "bird dogging" timber, marking trees, running property lines and doing forest inventory work. In the spring of 1986, she successfully passed the state exams required to become a registered professional forester. At this time, she was beginning to divide her time between the forestry department and assisting Lud in the wholesale department. Gradually her work shifted toward sawmill management and wholesale sales, but in addition, she also heads Big Creek's forestry staff of four other foresters.

Janet has been married to Steve Webb, a professional timber faller, for nearly twenty-two years and has a daughter, Katie, 17 and a son, Dennis, 14. They live on a ranch in Swanton, just a few miles from the rest of the family and the family business. Janet's dad sees her as having an all-around knowledge of the operation at Big Creek and feels that she will contribute her skills to the continuance of the family business for many years to come. ■



Janet Webb

**Both Lisa and Pat are on the elections ballot to be voted on at our annual meeting, May 12th, or to be returned by mail to CCFA, P. O. Box 1670, Capitola, CA 95010**

## ATTENTION CCFA MEMBERS

We would like to invite all CCFA members to participate in the quarterly issues of *The Log*. We welcome your opinions and your experiences in managing your forestland property. Please submit your signed and dated contributions to:

Barbara McCrary, 640 Swanton View Rd., Davenport, CA 95017

Please also include a phone number or e-mail address, should we have any questions.

We want to hear what you, our members, are doing and thinking about your forestlands.

We reserve the right to edit any article for length.

## CCFA WEBSITE RESURRECTED

By Cate Moore, CCFA president

After a hiatus of eleven months, CCFA has resumed operations on its website, [www.ccfassociation.org](http://www.ccfassociation.org). We plan to continue publishing our newsletter and status of our projects online, as well as continue to provide information and links of use to forest landowners. At the moment, we are scheduled for bi-monthly updates. We are planning a new feature, to be called "Finger on the Pulse" where we will publish the latest information we have of issues of concern, including a definition of the issue, why it is important to landowners, contact information for more data like meetings and comment periods and actions you can take if you want to weigh in on the issue. Expect to find issues like implementation of lawsuit results, actions before the Board of Forestry, the Water Quality Control Board, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and other organizations of this ilk, impending legislation and any other issues that would benefit from inputs of our members. We hope you find this service of use. ■

## TIMBER PRODUCTION ZONINGS

By Cate Moore

Following the Supreme Court decision on our lawsuit in conjunction with Big Creek Lumber against the County of Santa Cruz over where and how one may harvest timber in Santa Cruz County, it was decided that Santa Cruz County may determine the zonings where timber harvesting may occur, but it had little say over what requirements were to be used to rezone a parcel of land to Timber Production, which is one of the allowed zones. The State of California has defined the requirements.

There are a number of rezoning applications that had been held in limbo over the years as this issue was settled through the courts. Now that the logjam has broken, CCFA is monitoring the situation to ensure that the backlogged rezonings proceed in a timely manner.

CCFA is also monitoring and weighing in with the County Planning Commission over how the necessary changes to the County Code are implemented. We have detected several inconsistencies in what the County wrote up. ■

In April, the County will address minimum parcel size for a rezoning to TP, one of the few factors they can control. We expect the County to attempt to push this to its largest allowed minimum size, 80 acres. CCFA is working to ensure that owners of smaller parcels can continue to rezone to TP. Our members can assist in this work by writing letters to the Santa Cruz Planning Commission at:

Santa Cruz County Planning Commission  
4th floor, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. ■

## CCFA FRIEND, ATTORNEY, RUSS BROOKS PASSES AWAY

*An environmental-law expert, Brooks won landmark victories against arbitrary regulations*

By Dick Burton

It was with shock and sorrow that CCFA learned of the death of Russell C. Brooks, managing attorney with Pacific Legal Foundation's (PLF) Office in Bellevue, Washington. Russ, with whom CCFA has worked very closely for several years, passed away of a sudden heart attack on Sunday, February 25. He was 41 years old.

"PLF has lost a valued friend and a superb attorney, and America has lost one of the leading courtroom defenders of constitutional property rights, limited government, and a balanced approach to environmental protection," said Rob Rivett, PLF's president.

Brooks first won nationwide renown for his 2001 victory in *Alsea Valley Alliance v. Evans*, in which he successfully argued that federal officials were illegally undercounting salmon populations in the northwest by excluding hatchery-bred fish from their tabulations.

"Russ Brooks used his legal skills to help average citizens oppressed by big government," said Rivett. "He fiercely resented arbitrary regulations that cost people jobs and freedoms without accomplishing anything of substance for society or the environment."

CCFA is a co-plaintiff in a PLF lead suit arguing that the flagrant governmental response to the Alsea decision has been to ignore plentiful hatchery bred fish and to list both hatchery and wild salmon as endangered. Russ was litigating this issue on behalf of CCFA and a number of other west coast organizations.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife, Rhonda; son, Austin, age 5; and daughter, Savannah, age 2. "Our hearts go out to Russ' family," said Rivett. "They have a father and husband whom they can always be proud of because he was a man of great talent, high principle, and lasting accomplishments for freedom."

Pacific Legal Foundation ([www.pacificlegal.org](http://www.pacificlegal.org)) is the oldest and largest public interest legal organization dedicated to property rights, limited government, and a balanced approach to environmental protection. CCFA is deeply indebted to them for their gift of valuable legal support over the past several years.

## REDWOODS AND GREEN SPACES

### Focusing on Common Goals Can Keep Both on the Landscape

By John Stuart, Ph.D., professor of Forestry, Humboldt State University  
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Redwood forests dominate more than 1.7 million acres of California real estate. More than 350,000 acres have been set aside in public holdings that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) says are home to more than 95 percent of all old-growth redwood trees.

But redwood forests do face significant challenges. Invasive species, fire and Sudden Oak Death syndrome all pose threats.

In much of redwood country, however, these elements are trumped by a more significant threat: conversion to subdivisions.

It's already happening in the southern range of the species. In Santa Cruz County an understory of houses has developed in many redwood forests. Throughout Mendocino, Sonoma and Humboldt Counties, large tracts of forest are being fragmented into smaller parcels at an alarming rate. According to CDF, more than 17 percent of all redwood forest area now has at least one house per 40 acres.

If we don't manage redwood forests, we will lose them incrementally.

#### Real estate reality

Redwoods sit on some of the most valuable property in California. Ocean views, coast access and beautiful rivers all make for desirable real estate.

California's wildlands are facing increasing pressures from a rapidly growing population. More Californians than ever need places to live and recreate and are putting unprecedented demands on the state's natural resources.

Conserving California's open spaces will require a mix of ownerships on the landscape. If all our forests are in parks or preserves, people won't get all the services they expect from forests. Embracing a mosaic of approaches, though, can conserve open spaces while providing social, economic and ecological benefits. It also can address climate change.

#### Scrubbing greenhouse gases

Most global warming discussions focus on controlling greenhouse gas emissions. And among greenhouse gases, carbon gets the most attention.

Carbon moves naturally between the earth's oceans, landmasses and atmosphere. Some human activities, like burning fossil fuels, release carbon into the atmosphere where many scientists believe it contributes to global warming.

Forestry and forests remove carbon from the atmosphere. Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the air as they grow. They store the carbon in wood fibers and release oxygen to the atmosphere through photosynthesis.

The faster trees grow, the more carbon they absorb. When trees finish growing, they stop absorbing carbon. Older trees may actually release more carbon through respiration and decay than they absorb through photosynthesis.

Forestry can create optimal tree growing conditions, helping forests scrub the air remarkably efficiently. Wood products then trap the carbon captured in the wood fiber locked up in things like lumber and furniture. Replanting harvested sites continues the cycle.

#### Mandating sustainable forestry

In California, federal laws and some of the strictest state regulations anywhere provide the legal framework for sustaining private forests. There are several provisions intended to protect or enhance wildlife habitat and water quality. Regeneration is required on harvested lands.

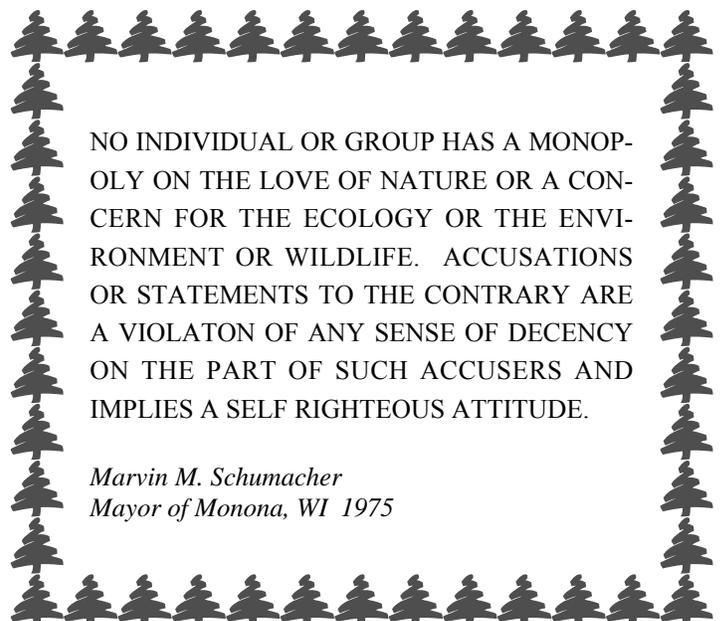
If sustaining California's forests is desirable, maintaining California's forestry infrastructure is critical. Private companies invest heavily in science, harvesting equipment, mill technology and more to keep their lands productive and safe. Without sufficient infrastructure, forestland won't be actively managed and that can lead to overstocked stands, increased fire hazard, greater reliance on imported wood, greater proliferation of undesirable invasive plant species, and more drug growing or manufacturing operations hidden in the woods.

California forestland owners now face higher operating costs than neighboring states. In some cases, converting forestland to non-forest uses may become an attractive alternative. Developed, 20-acre ranchettes may not look good to a public that likes forests along California's North coast, but they may look good to private investors.

Working forests play a critical role in California's economic and environmental health. They provide jobs, breathtaking vistas and habitat for diverse wildlife. California's working forests also benefit the global environment - if we lose working forests here, we will inevitably turn to forests with less stringent environmental protections for our wood.

Today, California's working forests occupy its most productive forestland. Let's keep it that way. ■

#### QUOTE, UNQUOTE



NO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HAS A MONOPOLY ON THE LOVE OF NATURE OR A CONCERN FOR THE ECOLOGY OR THE ENVIRONMENT OR WILDLIFE. ACCUSATIONS OR STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY ARE A VIOLATION OF ANY SENSE OF DECENCY ON THE PART OF SUCH ACCUSERS AND IMPLIES A SELF RIGHTEOUS ATTITUDE.

*Marvin M. Schumacher*  
*Mayor of Monona, WI 1975*

## WORLD FORESTRY CENTER DISCOVERY MUSEUM PORTLAND, OREGON

From April 2007 AARP

This tree-mendous forestry museum is the only one of its kind. Ride an eight person raft down Class IV rapids (without getting wet), parachute into a remote wildfire, and jeep through South Africa's Kruger National Park. Big Thrill! Ascend 45 feet in a two-person chairlift for a researcher's view of the forest canopy. Okay, you're still indoors, but trust us: the forest looks incredibly real. (503-228-1367; www.worldforestry.org) ■

### WHAT CCFA HAS BEEN DOING FOR YOU

- Six CCFA members, including several board members, attended a hearing before the California Dept. of Fish and Game (CDFG) and made public presentations in the attempt to secure the de-listing of Coho salmon as endangered. Despite rational presentations, the CDFG appeared already to have made its decision ahead of time and rejected our appeal.
- We've attended the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors meeting to support retaining the 5 acre minimum for TPZ zoning. The County wants to raise the minimum to 80 acres, which will cut out a lot of smaller timber parcels and could contribute to landowners being forced to sell the parcels for building sites.
- We have been keeping track of issues that affect private landowners on the Central Coast. This includes new rules and regulations for timber harvesting. This year, new rules to protect Coho salmon were proposed by the CDFG to the Board of Forestry. CCFA participated by sending a letter from our attorney to the BOF, and a few of our CCFA board members attended a hearing in Sacramento. Although efforts to have this proposal withdrawn were unsuccessful, it is important that CCFA be a part of the process.
- Eric Moore sent several letters to legislators regarding forestry issues.
- Jim Hildreth has been keeping tabs on the Water Board for CCFA. At each meeting, we discuss any new proposals or difficulties with the Water Quality Control Board. This has been a slow year for water quality. They have not proposed any further restrictions, perhaps due to the volume of information submitted to them from various timber harvest plans and their apparent lack of staffing. Just where this data goes, and whether or not it is scientifically valid, is a mystery. What is very clear is the continued long delays in getting an approved waiver and the high cost of monitoring and reporting. ■

### MARK THE DATE

MAY 12, 2007

CCFA ANNUAL MEETING AND BBQ & POTLUCK

WE PROVIDE THE TRI-TIP

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE

OUR SPEAKER WILL BE

BRIAN DIETTERICK, PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGIST AND SWANTON PACIFIC RANCH DIRECTOR

## CCFA offers two books and reprints of a blockbuster publication

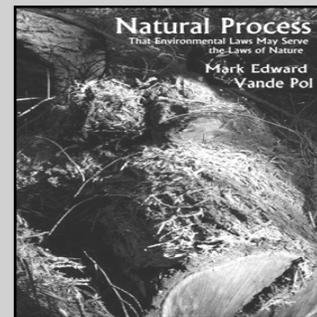


### "The Great Salmon Hoax"

An Eyewitness Account of the Collapse of Science and Law and the Triumph of Politics in Salmon Recovery

by James Buchal

Price \$10



### "Natural Process"

That Environmental Laws May Serve the Laws of Nature

By Mark Edward Vande Pol

Price \$10



### "Assessment of the Southern Range of North American Coho Salmon: Difficulties in Establishing Natural Range Boundaries"

by V.W. Kaczynski and Fabian Alvarado

Price \$5

Please contact CCFA president Cate Moore for your copies

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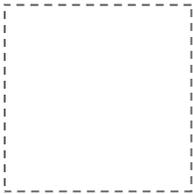
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# Notes From the Nut-House



We're on the web!  
www.ccfassociation.org



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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: HELP US COMMUNICATE!**

Occasionally we need to rally the membership to respond to abrupt government actions. We must be able to contact you in a hurry in such circumstances. Please submit your current e-mail address to us via our website, [www.ccfassociation.org](http://www.ccfassociation.org) or by e-mail to: [ccfa@ccfassociation.org](mailto:ccfa@ccfassociation.org). We will keep it strictly confidential at all times.

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The forests must be, and will be, not only preserved but used, and the experience of all civilized countries that have faced and solved the question show that the forests, like perennial fountains, may be made to yield a sure harvest of timber while at the same time all their far-reaching beneficent uses may be maintained unimpaired.

*John Muir*

*Founder of the Sierra Club in 1895*

**CCFA's Mission**

*The Central Coast Forest Association is a non-profit alliance of small forestland owners, forestry professionals and forest-oriented businesses with close affinity to the woods, mountains, streams and wildlife of the Central Coast. Our purpose is to uphold and preserve our values, our property rights and our way of life. To advance this objective, CCFA will:*

- *Interact with community, political and environmental interests as a voice for forestland owners.*
- *Understand the news, law and technology of forestry and apply this knowledge for the benefit and protection of forestland owners.*
- *Inform members of matters affecting their lands and forests.*
- *Take political and legal action to defend the rights and property of all Central Coast forestland owners.*